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Mrs. Gilfoy To Retire As Head Of Baptist Hospital

Mrs. Krenza Gilfoy is retiring as superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital after 25 years of service to the institution. She submitted her resignation to the board of trustees of the hospital at its recent meeting, to take effect upon the selection of her successor.

Mrs. Gilfoy is retiring because of ill health, following seven years as head bookkeeper and 18 years as superintendent of the hospital. She came to Jackson from Houston where she was one of the top women bank officials of Northeast Mississippi.

Her administration of the hospital has been marked by a series of expansions and steady progress of the institution. The hospital has grown from 87 beds to 350 beds, its staff of nurses from 50 to 180, and seven different building programs have been inaugurated under her tenure as superintendent. Plans for a medical arts building to be operated in connection with the hospital have recently been announced.

The hospital is a \$2,000,000 operation in point of annual income and outgo. Over \$200,000 in charity work alone was done by the hospital the past year, exceeding the volume of most of the charity hospitals of the state.

Mrs. Gilfoy received the commendation of members of the board, headed by D. C. Simmons of Jackson, for her efficient service in building and operating the modern hospital that serves the state today. Her resignation was accepted with regret by the trustees.

—BR—

Marked Copies Will Save Letters

There will be no issue of the Baptist Record next week. It is a custom of long standing to omit the Christmas week issue.

Each year we make an announcement, similar to the one above. But, announcement or no announcement, we get several letters asking why no paper was received.

In order to save time, paper and postage in answering such letters, we are having extra copies of this week's issue printed. To those who overlook this announcement and write, a copy of this article will be mailed to them.

The editorial staff of the Baptist Record takes this occasion to send Christmas Greetings and best New Year's wishes to all who see this issue, to the thousands who have helped us increase our circulation to more than 82,000 (an all time high), and to all who love the Lord in sincerity and truth.



MRS. KRENZA GILFOY

Record Crowd Expected For Training Union Meet

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor Bellevue Church, Memphis, will be the principal inspirational speaker when the State Training Union Convention holds its Meeting December 29 at the First Church in Jackson.

Up to 2000 people are expected for the annual one-day convention, it has been announced by Kermit S. King, State Secretary.

Presiding will be W. Earl Clark, of Jackson, President. Three sessions are scheduled, at 9:30 a.m., 2:15 p. m. and 6:45 p. m.

An outstanding program has been arranged including special music, inspirational messages, age group features, Associational emphasis and methods conferences.

Several outstanding personalities are scheduled to appear including

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Board Adopts \$236,680 State Mission Budget

Name More Winners

The five winners of prizes of \$1.00 each for the 4th to 8th places in the Baptist Record letter writing contest are: Martha Ann Hale, Bethesda Church, Hinds County; Mrs. A. S. Minton, Ruth Church; Mrs. Daulton Stewart, Bethel Church, Pearl River; Grace M. Menhel, Calvary Church, Greenville, and George B. Logan, Jr., Liverpool Church, Yazoo County.

One peculiarity of the outcome of the contest was the fact that two of the eight winners are from Pearl River County and two from Yazoo.

UPS United Dry Contribution, Sets Jan. 24 As Am. Bible Society Day

In its annual December meeting in Jackson last week, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board adopted an all-time high State Mission Budget of \$236,680; re-elected all department heads and associates; set January 24, 1954 as American Bible Society Day, and increased the contribution to the United Drys.

The Board took action requesting all institutions of the Convention to furnish audits in as full detail as possible and voted "that we request particularly the Baptist Orphanage and the Baptist Hospital to furnish more detailed audit reports than has been customary in the past."

It was voted to require the United Drys to submit an audit and the proposed budget to the Executive Committee, and "Upon receipt of which the Executive Committee will at their discretion release funds allocated to them."

Named to the Advisory Committee of the Baptist Record were: Purser Hewitt, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Rev. B. L. Mohon, Rev. Vernon May and Dr. G. Norman Price.

Standing committees were appointed as follows:

COMMITTEE ON BOARD ORGANIZATION: A. L. Gatewood, chairman; John W. Green, L. C. Hoff, W. E. Prout, and W. C. Fields.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE: Paul Townsend, Roy Collum, J. J. Zeno Wells, Gordon Sansing, F. V. McFatrige.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: C. M. Day, chairman; N. F. Davis, A. W. Talbert, Jack Stuart, Clarence H. Cutrell.

The following were named as Trustees for the Negro Seminary: TERMS EXPIRING IN 1954: Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. G. Norman Price, and Rev. Gordon Sansing.

TERMS EXPIRING IN 1955: Dr. William P. Davis, H. H. White, Dr. L. E. Green and Rev. E. F. Greaser.

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DR. R. G. LEE

The Red Face Dept. Bible Society Makes Report

It was good but the article published in last week's issue and credited to Miss Helen Crooks was not Miss Crook's article. Maybe it was the tornado that swept Vicksburg and certainly upset things. Anyway, we give below the article by Miss Crooks which won her the second prize in the "Why I Like My Pastor" contest.

Due to chaotic conditions at the plant in Vicksburg which prints the Baptist Record, the article printed last week under Miss Crook's name has been lost. The article bore no name but a number. Therefore, the Baptist Record does not know who the author is. If the writer of that article recognizes it, write the Baptist Record. Some interesting information will be sent the author.

In addition to the information about Miss Crooks given in last

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Nashville, Tenn. —(BP)—Twenty-five million copies of the Scriptures will be published or circulated throughout the world next year, though the need is twice that number, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society learned at its thirty-fifth annual meeting in New York City.

Southern Baptists were represented at the Advisory Council by James L. Sullivan and Albert McClellan, Nashville; Miss Ellen Oliver, Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Lester L. Knight, Portsmouth, Va. Dr. Sullivan served as chairman of the Findings Committee of the Advisory Council.

Treasurer of the Society, Gilbert Dartington, who is also head of the publications department report-

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Leadership Conferences Set For January And February

A strong, varied program featuring stewardship, missions and Brotherhood, conducted by outstanding personalities, will be rendered during the fourth annual one-day Leadership Conference and Brotherhood Rallies to be held in January and February, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Out-of-state program personalities will include Dr. Floyd Chaffin, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville and Rev. B. F. Fox, of Louisville, Field Representative, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas.

Featured this year will be the "A Million More in '54" program, state missions, the new Ministers Security Plan and the Cooperative Program.

State Convention Board personnel to be on program will include Dr. Quarles, Dr. E. C. Williams, Sunday School secretary; Kermit S. King, Training Union Secretary; Miss Edwina Robinson, W.M.U.

secretary; W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood secretary; Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion and Rev. Martin L. Gilbert, Rural Church Work secretary.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the leadership conference program while the evening sessions will be given over the Brotherhood Rallies.

Those urged to attend the two day sessions include the local church leadership, pastors, church staff members, Sunday superintendents, Training Union directors, W. M. U. presidents, Brotherhood presidents, deacons, finance committee members, music directors and other leaders and workers.

The full schedule of dates and places is as follows:

Jan. 11, First Corinth; 12, Okolona; 13, Hickory Flat; 14, Lyon; 15, Itta Bena.

Jan. 25, Eupora; 26, East End Columbus, 28, Southside Meridian, 29, Carthage.

Feb. 1, First Vicksburg, 2, First Natchez; 4, Wesson, Mendenhall.

Feb. 8, First Laurel 9, First Magnolia; 11, Moss Point; 12, Poplarville.

The Red Face Dept.

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week's issue it has been learned that Miss Crooks is Woman's Editor of the Meridian Star. In 1952 she was presented a plaque by the Exchange as the outstanding citizen of Meridian; was presented a plaque by the Salvation Army and was made a life member of its Advisory Board (the only woman ever so honored); president and organizer of the Bethany Bible Class of the First Baptist Church and a member of its Music Committee. Her article follows:

WHY I LIKE MY PREACHER

First, he is a great Christian, one of the most saintly and spiritual men I've ever known. When you're near him you feel as though you were walking into God's presence.

Not only deeply consecrated, he is filled with a spirit of humility. Immediately one feels at complete ease with him. He has none of that stand "offish" attitude nor that "pious-than-thou" manner.

He's a man's man, men love and admire him. Those who know, declare he is the best fishing partner one could have. Women admire him, too.

His gentleness, kindness, meekness and sanctity make him a perfect preacher.

He is an outstanding Bible student. To hear him read the Bible is as though the windows of Heaven were opened and God Himself were speaking. One cannot hear him read God's word without gaining a clearer conception of its message, as well as gaining a new and richer meaning of the Scriptures.

A deep thinker, he's the best preacher I've ever heard, he delivers soul stirring sermons. They are filled with food for thought and one leaves the sanctuary feeling he has feasted on the choicest bit of a spiritual feast.

He never gets excited in the pulpit, never raises his voice not even to emphasize a challenging thought. He speaks in a quiet deliberate manner but with an authority which comes from one inspired by God.

His telling influence over the youth, not only in his own congregation but those of the entire city

Record Crowd

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Robert S. Cook and Miss Frances Whitworth, of the Training Union Daptrement, Nashville; Geo. Bailey, Alabama Training Union Secretary, Montgomery; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, South western Seminary and Miss Margaret Burton, McComb.

Those from Jackson to be on program include Gene Pierce, Miss Louise Hill and Miss Neta Stewart of the State Training Union Department and Mrs. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Miss Hazel Chisholm, Miss Betty Valentine, Mrs. O. M. Jones, H. Lowrey Haynie and Mr. King. "Keeping the Faith" will be the Convention theme.

Bible Society

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ed that the American Bible Society's production for 1954 calls for publication of 365,000 Bibles, 4,500 Testaments, 13,227,000 Gospel portions, 30,000 volumes for the blind, or a total of 14,096,500.

During 1953 the people of the United States donated 1.157 cents per capita to the work of the Bible Society as compared to the donation in Canada of 3.38 cents per capita. New Zealand donated 4.633 cents and Australia 1.775 cents.

is making an impact on the lives of young people who see in him the pattern of a man of God whom they want to emulate.

In his services he has instituted a period of silent prayer. It stirs and thrills the hearts of the hundreds in the pews as they realize they are all praying to the same God for like things, for the pastor in audible voice directs the petitions of the congregation. These periods lift men and women on wings of prayer to the very throne of God.

He devotes many hours each day visiting the ill, strangers, bereaved and downhearted. A visit from him is like opening the blinds on a dark gloomy day and allowing the sun to enter. He brings the sunlight of God's love wherever he goes.

He is a man of many talents all of which he uses for the glory of God. He is a preacher, minister,

GOES TO BROOKLYN



Rev. Cook Hurst has accepted the pastorate of the Brooklyn Church and with his family has moved on the field.

Mr. Hurst is a student at the New Orleans Seminary. To celebrate the arrival of the Hursts, the Brooklyn Baptists honored him with a pounding.

18 CHURCHES GRANTED PASTORAL AID

Eighteen churches were granted pastoral aid at the recent meeting of the convention board. Five thousand dollars was allocated for that purpose and the whole amount was appropriated.

This money is to aid churches in pastoral support. However, in some instances, churches that are well-able to support their own pastor ask a small sum to help in carrying on a mission project.

Churches granted are: Hinze, Winston, Assoc.; Pass Road, West Gulfport, and Lake Shore, Gulf Coast; Riverside Church, Riverade; Union, Mississippi; Glen Allen, Washington; Bunkly, Franklin, Calvary, Covington; Shifola Memorial, Gulf Coast; McCurtains Creek, Choctaw; Wills, First, DeSoto; Riverside, Lawrence; Williamsburg, Covington; Friendship Pike; Richburg, Lamar; Wallfield, Pontotoc; Ruhama, Noxubee.

WASHINGTON D. C. —(BP)—Assistant Secretary of Defense, John Hannah, disclosed recently that the Defense Department would seek congressional advice on the question of whether sales of liquor by bottle should be eliminated on military bases. Hannah made the statement one day after Duke K. McCall, president of the National Temperance League and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, conferred with White House officials regarding military base liquor sales.

teacher, lecturer and author. He has written many books and contributions to many religious magazines and papers. He is much sought after as a speaker and lecturer.

My pastor is truly a man of God and has wholly consecrated his life to His service.

His smile dissipates a frown from one's brow; to clasp his hand and to have him speak a cheery word gives an immediate feeling that one is meeting a friend—and what a friend he is!

UPS United Dry

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TERMS EXPIRING IN 1956: Dr. W. E. Prout, Rev. Robert Martin, Rev. Howard Aultman and Rev. J. Price Brock.

The Board voted to allocate \$2,500 for the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education.

Diek D. Quin and Company of Jackson were named as auditors for 1954.

The State Mission Budget follows:

STATE MISSION BUDGET

	1952-53	1953-54
Church Building Aid	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Emergency Church Building Aid	1,000.00	1,000.00
B. S. U. Campus	16,710.00	19,420.00
B. S. U. Department	13,530.00	14,270.00
Sunday School Department	22,750.00	24,870.00
Training Union Department	22,750.00	24,870.00
Brotherhood Department	14,525.00	14,340.00
W. M. U. Department	12,080.00	8,100.00
Rural Church Work	9,635.00	10,465.00
Music Department	9,494.00	10,315.00
Negro Work	14,000.00	29,630.00
Indian Work	2,500.00	2,500.00
Pastoral Aid	7,500.00	5,000.00
Convention Expense	1,800.00	1,800.00
Board and Committee Meetings	3,600.00	4,500.00
Evangelistic Conferences	1,200.00	1,000.00
SM—Promotion and Tracts	3,000.00	4,000.00
Associational and Area Missions	33,500.00	33,500.00
Historical Society	600.00	600.00
Service Personnel Aid	1,200.00	1,200.00
Preacher's Bible School	1,000.00	1,000.00
Temperance	7,750.00	10,000.00
Religious Education Assoc. Inst.	200.00	200.00
Sanatorium Work	600.00	600.00
Chinese Missions	1,200.00	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00
Penitentiary Relig. Supplies		250.00
	\$214,424.00	\$236,680.00

Wellington, N.Z.—(RNS)—A government grant of 500 pounds (\$1,400) to the Baptist Union of New Zealand for the erection of a children's home at Auckland was refused by the denomination on the grounds that "it came from lottery funds."

Rev. Harold E. Lindsey, pastor, First Church, Shawnee, Okla. has resigned to accept the call of the First Church, Waco, Texas. He succeeds Dr. Forrest Freezer, who recently became Executive Secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention.

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The Superintendent, Staff and Children of the Baptist Orphanage, Your Children's Village

Good Board Meeting

Mississippi Baptists owe a debt of gratitude to the 75 men who serve as members of the Baptist Convention Board.

They serve, without pay, faithfully and sacrificially. It requires at least three days and a good part of two nights for the regular meetings of the Board. And now with an added meeting it will mean almost a week of each member's time that will be required during the year.

It is amazing the amount of work they are able to do in two days and a night.

They grapple with serious and difficult problems, hear many requests and make many important and far reaching decisions.

Those who have never served on the Convention Board do not realize its importance nor do they really know what a hard as well as important job it is.

The recent Board meeting was very harmonious as well as constructive. In most cases the few differences were concerning the methods and concerning objectives.

To the Board members it is a labor of love and unselfish service.

From many sources we have heard expressions of appreciation of the faithful work of our Board members.

We feel confident that we speak for Mississippi Baptists when we say, "Thanks for a job well done."

—BR—

Remember The Pastor

Most churches do, but for the few that have forgotten, we suggest that a Christmas present to the pastor would be most appropriate. Not only should churches remember the pastor, but many families should include the pastor on their Christmas list.

May we suggest a good book.

—BR—

We Suggest Watch-Night Services

Most of our readers have experienced or have heard about the noise, boisterousness, drunkenness and folly of the New Year parties that take place throughout our land as the old year goes out and the new one comes in.

Such artificial merriment is foolish and inexcusable. And it is more so in these days of tragedy, trouble and trial.

We need to realize that we are one year nearer the grave than we were on last New Year's Day.

Instead of needless, foolish and

useless excesses, we need to realize that time is passing and that death is no respecter of persons.

We suggest a better plan—a Christian watch-night service. Instead of the excesses of many New Year parties, let our churches counter with a service that has no hang-overs, no maddening memories, no hurt hearts, nor days of despair.

Let us come together in a Christian service with people at prayer (preferably on their knees), singing songs of adoration and admiration, instead of those with lewd and licentious thoughts.

As the old year goes out and the new one comes in, let's put God in our program.

—BR—

November Finances Show Slight Gain

Cooperative program receipts for November, the first month of our new convention year, were \$66,111.19, a slight gain of \$468.27 over November a year ago.

While we rejoice over this gain that reflects a continuous growth of our Stewardship may we urge all of our churches to step up their increase in December in order to catch up with our increased goal for 1954 which is 25 per cent larger than our 1953 goal, just reached.

Receipts for December a year ago were \$101,771.14, which means our churches will need to give well over that amount in or-

der to begin our year of 1954 on schedule.

Our first quarter of 1954 ends January 31, after which reports of the mission gift of all churches will appear in the Baptist Record.

Let us begin now—early in our year of 1954—to reach our objective of \$1,500,000.

Since December is a month in which we emphasize giving, may we as churches remember to emphasize Cooperative Program giving in December.

—BR—

Some Mississippians Should Do Likewise

Recent press reports tell about the gift of \$2,225,000 to the University of Houston, Texas, by a rich oil man, Hugh Roy Cullen.

The papers quoted Mr. Cullen as saying:

"The great spirit and determination shown by the Cougars last Saturday in defeating Baylor fills me with enthusiasm and prompts me to do something for our great university." Nobody doubted his enthusiasm when he said a few minutes later:

"I have decided to give the university \$2,225,000 in oil payments."

We do not know of any Mississippians who are as wealthy as Mr. Cullen, but we do know that God has been exceedingly good to many Mississippians. If this man in appreciation of the feats of the college football team could make such a generous donation, may we suggest that Mississippi Baptists think of God's goodness,

graciousness and mercy to them and do likewise.

Few, if any could give as much as Mr. Cullen. But many could give and those many gifts could easily amount to the same as Mr. Cullen's gift.

.. "Go thou and do likewise."

Our Readers Write

Monticello, Miss.

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

I am a widow and all of my children are away from home and I enjoy the Record. I take care of my husband's aunt who is 80 years old. And she can't see to read much any more, but she really enjoys the Record.

She also enjoys Bracey Campbell's Sunday School lesson so much. She is not able to go to church much any more, so the Record is a lot of company to both of us.

A SISTER IN CHRIST.

—BR—
THE ASSISTANTS DESERVE THIS PRAISE

A North Mississippi pastor writes:
"Dear Editor:

"Please tell me the truth. Didn't you have a lot of help in getting out last week's Record? It was one of the best I have seen. Thanks so much for the good inspiration and information. The Record looked good also.

"I feel like you and your staff deserve much praise for the good work you are doing. It is not an easy job at all. Just like being a pastor, it is hard work."

—BR—
"ACTIVE RETIREMENT"

Recently I have had some very enjoyable experiences with a number of churches in both Alabama and Mississippi. As supply pastor of these churches it has been my privilege to become acquainted with many people and churches. That acquaintance has given me a new conception of our Baptist people. I have always been an optimist so far as our Baptist people are concerned. But these months have revealed a spirit of loyalty on the part of Baptists that is refreshing.

The recent meeting of the State Convention was marvelously refreshing in that plans that would have seemed beyond all reason in former years were accepted with enthusiasm. I am glad to be a Mississippi Baptist again.

I have had the privilege of serving the Stonewall church for three months until they called a pastor.

I am now with the Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian, this being the second month with them. They will soon have a pastor to lead them.

—H. C. BASS, Meridian.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

"God So Loved..."

"For God so loved the world, He gave..."

As we celebrate the birth of Christ I love to read the Christmas story according to John 3:16. God gave the greatest gift ever given and He gave it because of His love. "For God so loved the world He gave..."

For more than 19 centuries this season has been one in which love fills the air. Love makes people happy. All over our town artistic scenes remind us of that love gift long ago. Wise men are depicted showing their gifts to the Christ-child. Shepherds are shown as they heard the glad tidings from scenes show God's gift to us.

This event changed the calendar of the entire world, and has spread joy into every corner. Even those who do not know Christ as their personal savior celebrate his birth.

It is no wonder that at Christmastime when we are reminded of God's love, we desire to express our love to one another with small gifts. Each gift that we give reminds us that God gave. And God still gives. He gives eternal salvation to each one of us who will accept His wonderful gift.

To His Children he has given a special privilege: that of passing on this gift to others. What great joy we can bring to those who do not know Him if we tell them of Christ's love at Christmas!

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1st, Grenada Over Subscribes Budget

COOP PROGRAM GIFTS UP \$5,000 OVER 1953

After the members had over-subscribed their 1954 budget by more than \$10,000, First, Grenada, voted last Wednesday night two highly significant actions: that a trained and experienced man be secured as Educational Director and that the already increased Cooperative program gifts for 1954 be increased an additional \$3,333, making a total budget of \$72,000 for the year.

Although the church is in a \$200,000 building program the gifts to Cooperative Program have not been decreased, rather the 1954 gifts will be \$5,000 higher than in 1953. With a present capacity of only 525 in present quarters for Sunday School, attendance is regularly averaging between 650 and 700. A net enrollment increase of 79 has been gained since October 1 toward a goal of 374 in '54. Training Union attendances are averaging higher than record attendances of a year ago.

The new building program will provide for 1325, adequate offices and library, and a separate church music department. The incoming educational director will find totally adequate facilities for a continuing advanced program. The entire facilities (new and old) will be air conditioned.

Dr. John W. Landrum is the pastor.

—BR—

Calhoun County Names Haire As Missionary

Rev. L. F. Haire has been named as the superintendent of missions in Calhoun county. He begins his work on January 1. Headquarters will be at Calhoun City.

Mr. Haire is now pastor of the Bruce church. He has made an excellent record at Bruce. During his pastorate all phases of the work have made excellent progress.

He succeeds Rev. John B. Laney who recently became missionary for Montgomery and Carroll counties.



The Mississippi College annual Thanksgiving program was held in the Chapel period in Nelson Hall on Wednesday. Pictured in front of the gigantic hand displaying a fruitful year and painted by Mercer McCool, brush talk artist, is Peggy Emerson of Hernando, BSU Devotional Chairman who directed the program; Mr. McCool; and Joe Thomas Odle of Gulfport, narrator of the program. (Photo by Fred Otte).

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

WANTED — 50 YOUNG MEN'S BROTHERHOODS

The Brotherhood Department would like to see organized at least 50 new Young Men's Brotherhoods in Mississippi next year. The program is entirely new and we now have helps for the organization. Study your local church and consider the possibility of having this organization for young men 17-25 as a part of your church program.

Definition and Purpose

The Young Men's Brotherhood is for concentrated Christian young men who wish to organize themselves to better promote the full program of their church and denomination.

It is a service organization that should be instrumental in achieving many practical benefits for the church, as well as providing opportunities for spiritual growth for young men.

To achieve the values inherent in such an organization, the young men commit themselves to the accomplishing of the following aims and objectives:

1. Loyalty to Christ, to the church, and to the pastor as the leader in all its work.
2. To develop the potential leadership of our young men for service in church and denominational life.
3. To obtain a better understanding in the work of every agency and organization of the church and denomination.
4. Develop a wider and deeper study of the missionary, educational, and benevolent work of Southern Baptists in the state, the homeland, and throughout the world.
5. To constantly emphasize personal consecration in Christian stewardship of home, self, substance, and service.
6. Place a greater emphasis upon individual and group evangelism.
7. Encourage an aggressive effort to reach, win, and develop boys through Christian companionship and guidance.
8. Tithes and offerings brought

regularly into the church; and special offerings in emergencies.

9. To develop understanding and habits necessary for Christian citizenship.

10. A continuing effort through Brotherhood to promote Christian fellowship, and to enlist, organize, and utilize all the young men of the church in active Christian service.

It is readily seen from this list of aims and objectives that the activities are to be centered in the work of the church and denomination. It must ever be so if the organization is to fill the high purposes for which it exists.

STEPS IN ORGANIZATION

1. Consult the pastor—Get your pastor's reaction first. The pastor shall lead in making the arrangements for organization.
2. Present to the Church—Get the approval of the church before you plan the first meeting.
3. Call First Meeting—Advise and plan a good meeting. Explain the organization in detail.
4. Church elects officers—Such church action makes the organization a part of the church.
5. Officers plan work—The executive committee should meet immediately to plan the work.
6. Inaugurate the program of activity—A Brotherhood thrives on work. Be sure you have a suggested program of activity as soon as possible.

—BR—

Dr. Robert L. Lee, seriously injured in an automobile accident recently, is much improved. However, his bone injuries will require months of hospitalization. Lee is assistant executive secretary of Louisiana Baptists.

—BR—

Choctaw County and Winston County are planning to cooperate in an associational mission program. Rev. A. R. Smith will serve as associational missionary for both counties after January 1.

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LOTTIE MOON OFFERING GLEANINGS

A long distance telephone conversation brought the good news that Parkview Baptist Church, Greenville, has given \$800 for the Lottie Moon Offering! Echoes from other sources indicate an increase in gifts. We will need to be faithful in gleaning. The need is great—we must do our best.

GREETINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

By Juliette Mather—Editor, Royal Service

Please everyone, give more than ever to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Even now it is not too late to give. Pray more about missions and our missionaries. There is so much need.

We saw a funeral procession getting in shape our last day in Hong Kong. A small bonfire was in front to clear the evil spirits away. We see people going into temples and dropping the bone moon-shaped "stones" repeatedly, hoping they will fall right so the gods will answer their prayers. We saw one thin woman all cleaned up with fresh white clothing she must have carried and put on when she got to the temple because it was so clean and unwrinkled. She knelt, burned incense, and rang a bell over and over again as she chanted the "Amida Buddha." So serious, so intent, over and over and over in pitiful repetition, paying for more incense, paying to ring the bell. It is a real racket. We saw them making idols in Chiayi Taiwan, carving and then painting just as it says in Isaiah. The superstition makes them spend money for incense and prayers that they really need for food.

We have only made a small beginning anywhere in this mission business. Open your eyes, open your heart, and then open your pocketbook for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

If your Missionary Society has not sent the annual report and the list of new officers, we urge you to do so immediately.

HOME MISSION BOOKS AVAILABLE

Upon request we are listing the books for study during January and February. These books can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson—price 50c each:

Adults—In Evangeline's Country John Caylor
Young People—The New Orleans Story Loyd Corder
Intermediates—The World In Her Hands Harold Dye
Juniors—Chatting With The Chews Marie Saddler Eudaly
Sunbeams—The Little Boat Family Jane Carroll McRae
Resource Book (To be used with each of the above books)
"Our Neighbors of Many Tongues" John Caylor

ROYAL AMBASSADORS

(Continued from Last Week)

F. Conducting a Reviewing Council

After the boy has passed requirements of each rank to the satisfaction of the counselor one section at a time, he comes before the Reviewing Council. The council meets when several boys are ready to be examined. It is not necessary for the council to ask every boy to repeat everything. Its job is to see how well the boys know and understand as a whole the work passed. Ask different boys different questions on the requirements, but be sure each boy knows all the requirements for his particular rank.

The meetings of the Reviewing Council are presided over by the vice chairman in charge of the Reviewing Council. The boys seeking advancement in ranks are called up in groups according to rank. With the vice chairman leading out and any member of the council at liberty to ask questions, the Royal Ambassadors are examined on the rank for which they have been approved by their counselor. After each group, the council may ask the boys to retire and discuss individual applicants for advancement. Any boy who who does not show a thorough understanding of the material for the rank he seeks should be asked to

re-work the sections he is weak on and come before the council at a later date. If the council thinks best it may decide to examine the Royal Ambassadors individually rather than by groups. This usually takes longer but gives individual attention to each boy. Awards should be made at the time set aside for a Recognition Service. Initiation of Candidates who complete the requirements for Page can be held following the meeting of the council.

There should be a definite meeting time set for the Reviewing Council so that the boys can be looking forward to that time and working toward passing a rank then. These meetings should not be too often nor too infrequent. Once every 3 months may prove

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Palestine Is EF

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. P. H. Edwards, Palestine Church in the Lee County Association has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This means that Palestine Baptists are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Lee County are now listed as follows:

AUBURN, 78; Belden, 41; Bethany, 1; BIRMINGHAM, 107; Center Hill, 2; Euclatubba, 38; NETTLETON, 52; PLANTERSVILLE, 80; Pleasant Hill, 18; Palmetto, 1; Priceville, 30; SALTILLO, 61; SHANNON, 64; SHERMAN, 79; TUPELO, CALVARY, 373; TUPELO, FIRST, 315; HARRISBURG, 325; Parkway, 36; Union Chapel, 1; Verona, 79; Palestine, 10.

Trial Plan Works Again

As is the usual case with the trial plan, it worked at New Hope Church in Tate County.

The pastor, Rev. M. O. Huffstatter, asked that the Record be sent a few weeks on trial. It was sent. The usual result—the church adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Record readers in Tate County are now listed as follows: ARKABUTLA, 36; Bethel, 1; COLDWATER, 62; EBENEZER, 1; EVANSVILLE, 28; Looxahoma, 7; Mt. Manna, 15; Mt. Zion, 12; NEW HOPE, 43; Sarah, 9; SENATOBIA, 158; STRAYHORN, 23; Tyro, 1; Wyatt, 1; Savage, 1.

Mt. Olive Is Number 1072

Evidently Mt. Olive Church and the pastor, Rev. W. M. Daves, are going places. Recently Pastor Daves led this church, which is located in Carroll County, to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. That means that from now

acceptable, depending on how fast your boys are progressing on ranks. In addition the vice chairman may call a meeting of the council whenever needed.


Each of the members of the council should be encouraged to inform himself before the meeting on the requirements to be passed so he can deal intelligently with the subjects at hand. The boys should be seated perhaps in a semicircle, to encourage the more timid ones. Council members should question the boys about their work freely. The royal Ambassador Manual, The Guide For Royal Ambassador Counselors, and Ambassador Life are necessary sources of information which the members of the committee must study.

on 61 families of that church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Carroll County are now listed as follows:

Calvary, 11; CARROLLTON, 26; Colla, 1; Harmony, 13; Leflore, 40; VAIDEN, 40.

12; Liberty, 1; McCarley, 18; MT. OLIVE, 61; Mt. Pisgah, 7; New Bethel, 1; New Jerusalem, 2; New Salem, 5; NORTH CARROLLTON, 40; Old Plank, 14; Providence, 11; VAIDEN, 40.



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IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN

How the time does fly!

It hardly seems possible that a year has gone since last Christmas, but it certainly has.

As we come to another season when we have the privilege of celebrating the birth of our Saviour, may it be done in a manner fitting that great occasion. Let's not forget whose birthday it is.

The world has produced many great people through all the centuries of its time, but none who has meant so much to the world's good as has Christ. He did it by living a life of sacrifice, love, devotion, and utter unselfishness. He gave his all for others, and did it gladly.

We wish for each an all a happy Christmas season, and that the spirit of him whose birthday it is may prevail yet more and more in the hearts and lives of people every where.

A happy Christmas to all!

MANY NEW RECORDS SET LET'S KEEP IT GOING

Many are the encouraging reports that are coming our way of the great gains being made in Sunday school enrollment and attendance, even the setting of new records.

Richton and Hickory Flat have recently reported new attendance records, and others keep coming.

That is the way to reach our share off the Million more in '54. Our share is 48,000. We can reach it if all will really get down to business and keep at it.

Tell us of your gains so we may share them with others for their help. Write us about them.

AWAKE; PUT ON THY STRENGTH!

J. P. EDMUNDS

Secretary of Survey,
Statistics and Information
Baptist Sunday School Board
Can Southern Baptists reach a million more in one year? An answer in the affirmative admits that we are approaching maturity as a denomination and are capable of accomplishing that which we have not even undertaken before. An answer in the negative would reveal that we have not fully comprehended our full stature or capabilities as a strong and growing denomination.

Actually, we haven't matured in the "growing" sense of the word, for we are still growing. Compared to a growing boy we are still in the adolescent stage. We have growing pains, enormous appetites and sometimes our energy is at a low ebb.

But look at that growing adolescent boy. He's approaching six feet, and is strong and healthy. He's beginning to realize his strength.

Let's take a look at ourselves—Southern Baptists. We started as a small denomination in 1845, with 351,951 members. We have grown into a denomination with

more than seven and a half million members, in a few more than a hundred years. Our Sunday school enrolment has grown from 23,000 to almost five and one-half million; our churches from 4,000 to almost, 29,000.

Now, like the growing boy, we are beginning to realize our strength. For instance it took Southern Baptists sixty-three years to reach our first million in Sunday School enrolment; thirteen years to reach our second million; eleven years to reach the next. But notice—we grew from a four million enrolment to five million in three years. And, now we are undertaking to reach a million in one year!

Reaching a million in a year is both a challenge and a possibility. It is a challenge because it has never been done before by any denomination. It is a possibility because Southern Baptists have the resources, the leadership, and the methods that will, under God's leadership, produce a million more.

Yes, we are just beginning to realize our full potential strength. And, perhaps after reaching "A Million More in '54," we will realize that we can reach a million any year that we seriously undertake the task.

WE CAN BETTER OUR BEST HIGHT C Moore

Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Much more than gratifying figures mark the progress of the Southern Baptist Convention since it was organized in 1945 with 365 messengers from 4,126 associating churches, with 351,951 members in eight states and the District of Columbia.

Twenty Years Ago we numbered four million; and now we are nearly double with 28,865 churches in twenty-four states from coast to coast. These two decades show much effort but not maximum efficiency. As a theocratic democracy we have wrought with perhaps pleasing yet only partial success. For example: in evangelism we had (thank God!) 354,384 baptisms last year; but think of the unsaved millions yet unwon! In stewardship we were happy in giving \$248,004,289; yet how few of us gave anything! Oh, the urgency of the unattained!

Today Southern Baptists, unfettered and undriven, are marvelously united in "the faith, fellowship, and furtherance of the gospel." And surely, as upon Ezra, "the good hand of our God is upon us," to lead, energize, and enable us to reach the goal he sets before us.

Tomorrow, therefore, we must gird for "greater things than these" of yesterday and today. We are summoned to serve more worthily in a widening world. The best we have done is not the best we can do. The heights we have scaled are humbler than the heights ahead. Onward, then, and

upward, in God's name and for his glory, to enrol "A Million More in '54'!"

AWARDS FOR OCTOBER, 1953

No. Awards for October..... 4,300
No. Awards to date..... 4,300

No. Churches to date..... 147
No. Associations to date..... 55

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds..... 494
Newton..... 251
Jones..... 191
Lincoln..... 185
Lebanon..... 172

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Newton..... 150
Picayune First..... 143
Drew..... 129
Jackson Calvary..... 117
Jackson Crestwood..... 101

MORE STANDARDS

The following units have recently become Standard:

Schools

Macedonia, Rev. A. W. Talbert, pastor, Henry J. Stanley, superintendent; New Prospect, Rev. R. F. Hallford, pastor, Alvin W. Smith, superintendent; Monticello, Rev. Joe W. Hudson, pastor, A. P. Smith, Jr., superintendent; Laurel Second Ave., Rev. J. H. Street, pastor, J. E. Warren, superintendent; Newton, R. T. B. Leavell, pastor, Harold T. Gallaspy, superintendent.

Intermediate

Department I, Main Street, Hattiesburg, Mrs. Edwin Madison, Supt., and these classes and teachers: Joyful Servants, Mrs. W. Chappell; Victors, B. L. Camp; Eagles, B. L. Craft; True Blue, Mrs. B. L. Camp.

Department, Vicksburg, First, Miss Berta Bass, Supt., and these classes and teachers—Dependables, Daisy Belle Hammack; Rena Mitchell, Mrs. N. E. Bobb; Eagles, John E. Harper; Pure Gold, Mrs. Oscar Brannan; Golden Rule, Miss Nannie McMillan; Daughters of Ruth, Mrs. W. S. Burke; Lena Causey, Mrs. Mary B. Fox; Exemplifiers, W. C. Eskridge; True, Trust, Tried, Mrs. Fred Bayley, Jr.

Parkway Jackson: 15-Year Girls, Miss Lois Tyler; Faithful Followers, John H. Shivers; Joyful Servants, Miss Marie Parker; Kingdom Seekers, Mrs. Harold Graves; 13-Year Girls, Mrs. R. F. Ballard; Builders, Mrs. J. W. Nettles; Daughters of Ruth, Mrs. A. D. Downing.

True, Blue, Jackson, First, Mrs. W. F. Bond; Sunshine Scatterers, Jackson, First, Miss Jacqueline Hewitt.

Young People

Ruth, Parkway, Jackson, Miss Nell McElroy.

Adults

Dorcas, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. C. D. Dawson; Philathea, Mrs. M. L. Davis; Agoga, H. C. Bright; Dorcas, Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg, Mrs. C. C. Dana; Homemakers, Laurel, Second Ave., Mrs. J. T. Patterson; TEL, Grenada, First, Mrs. R. B. Thomason; Faithful Workers, Philadelphia, First, Mrs. D. D. Hopkins.

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The Baptist Record is grateful to the Bigbee Church in Monroe county for a nice list of renewal subscriptions. The list was sent by Louise Hoog.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard Baptist Hour Speaker



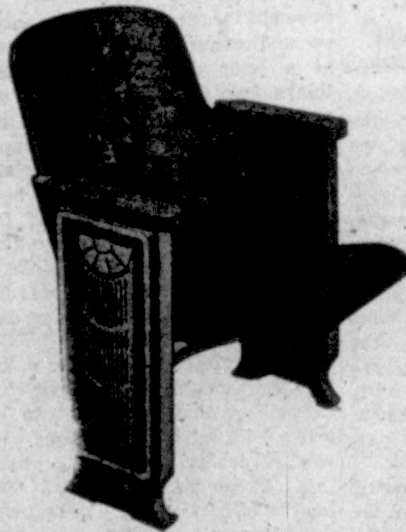
DR. RAMSEY POLLARD

Dr. Ramsey Pollard pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, for the past 15 years, has been named Baptist Hour preacher for the first 13 Sundays in 1954. The theme for the series of gospel messages will be "So Great Salvation." (Heb. 2:3)

—BR—

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CONVENTION FEATURES

Junior Memory Work Drill Adult Mission Story Feature
Primary Story Time Conferences

Convention Program

MORNING SESSION: 9:30 A. M.

Organ Meditation
Devotional Meditation Miss Margaret Burton
"Welcome" Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins
Congregational Singing
Announcements and appointment of committees
The Baptist Book Store Mrs. O. M. Jones
"Something To Think About" Miss Frances Whitworth
and Mr. Robert S. Cook
"If I Were An Associational Training
Union Director" Dr. Joe Davis Heacock
Recognition of Associational Directors
"Here's Where We Are" G. G. Pierce
Music
Message: "Keeping The Faith" Rev. George E. Bagley

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2:15 P. M.

The convention meets by departments during which time the Junior Memory Work Drill, the Primary Story Time and the Adult Mission Story Feature will be conducted.
Organ Meditation
Hymn
Presenting Our State Winners
Reports of Committees
Devotional Meditation

EVENING SESSION: 6:45 P. M.

Organ Meditation
Congregational Singing
"Something To Do" Miss Frances Whitworth
and Mr. Robert S. Cook
"If I Were A Church Training
Union Director" Dr. Joe Davis Heacock
"Here's Where We're Going" Kermit S. King
Music
Message: "Sharing The Faith" Dr. R. G. Lee

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 13, 1953

Morton	298	113
Main	279	
Mission	19	
Jackson:		
Crestwood	584	364
Southside	334	132
Broadmoor	323	152
Leavell Woods	118	91
Calvary	1272	373
Main	1217	331
Calvary Mission	55	42
Van Winkle	409	220
First	1507	537
Main	1319	477
Ridgecrest Chapel	188	60
Parkway	952	435
Northside	439	128
Daniel Memorial	576	241
West Jackson	212	99
East McComb	399	162
Meridian, 15th Ave.	448	168
Hattiesburg, ePetal-Harvey	324	105
Main Street	791	235
West Laurel	389	135
Clarksdale	362	63
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	406	120
Laurel, Second Ave.	37	5 82
Brownsville, Beulah	83	88
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	175	38
Pascagoula, First	600	310
Main School	485	208
Jackson Ave. Chapel	41	40
McArthur Chapel	38	42
Orange Grove Chapel	36	20
Wayside (Yalobusha)	32	
Nola (Lawrence)	45	42
Calvary (Amite)	45	30
Hickory Flat	161	93
Biloxi, Trinity	186	70
Yazoo City, First	454	146
Columbus, Southside	151	80
Mission	25	
Hardy (Grenada)	113	97
Gulfport, Calvary	51	70
Concord (Choctaw)	111	73
Gulfport, First	734	324
Yazoo City, Calvary	256	181
Kosciusko, First	689	229
Meridian, South Side	347	130
Bethlehem (Jones)	165	84
Newton, First	417	221
Laurel, Wildwood	128	58
Pelahatchie	181	71
Raymond	182	63
Grenada, First	662	156
Hattiesburg, Temple	534	178
Shiloh (Marion)	59	45
Hernando, First	179	93
Taylorville	138	87
Moorhead	163	87
Greenwood, Calvary	426	164
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	93	53
Friendship (Jackson)	65	65
West Point, Calvary	184	117
Aberdeen, First	390	116
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	33	41
Highland	168	76
Crowder	178	93
Grenada, Emmanuel	246	103
Drew	253	60
Columbus, East End	228	93
Calhoun City, First	326	136
McComb, Locust St.	85	54
New Albany	606	127
Mission	22	
Hazlehurst	283	82
Olive Branch	113	59
Canton, Center Terrace	391	133
Chester (Choctaw)	77	27
Bay St. Louis, First	96	62
Gulfport, New Hope	77	50
Longview (Oktibbeha)	80	
McComb, Friendship	160	61
Clinton	626	357
Lula	106	68
Cleveland, First	550	164
Charleston, First	375	143
Sand Hill (Jones)	63	45

Ridgecrest Church To Be Constituted

Ridgecrest Chapel, Jackson, will be constituted into Ridgecrest Baptist Church Sunday Dec. 20 at 2:30 P.M. All pastors and members from churches in Hinds County are invited to attend. Ridgecrest started on April 1, 1953 as a mission of First Church of Jackson. The sponsoring church bought lot for the new church. In the past eight months 217 people have united with the mission, with 320 enrolled in Sunday School and 144 enrolled in Training Union. A full graded W. M. U. has been organized and also a Brotherhood. Last month the offering of the mission amounted to \$2,602.

They have adopted a long range building program costing approximately \$500,000, and designed to take care of 1,000 people in the sanctuary and educational building. The first unit of the building is under construction and is expected to be completed early next year. A baby building has already been completed and was in use for the first time last Sunday.

Ridgecrest strategically located in one of the fast growing sections of Jackson. There are over 800 homes in the area with three new subdivisions opening up and plans for 250 new homes to be built early in 1954.

Rev. Fred Tarpley has been called as pastor and he has accepted effective January 1.

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RIO (ANS) — Eighty two Baptist churches in this city participated in the first simultaneous evangelistic campaign held in the Brazilian capital. They reported the following results: More than 1,200 professions of faith were held with a total attendance of more than 20,000; more than 1,000,000 tracts and gospels were distributed; daily radio programs were presented on a nationwide station. The largest single meeting was held in a public square near the heart of Rio. An ex-priest, Gioia Martins, spoke to an estimated 15,000 persons who had gathered around the monument of a Brazilian hero, "O Baroa do Rio Branco." Eighty people signed decision cards.

Mont Rose (Clarke)	76	68
Lucedale	271	130
Purvis, First	178	58
Skene	120	84
Darling	77	49
Holly Bluff	107	81
Flowood (Rankin)	109	100

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Biloxi, First	615	189
Hardy (Grenada)	118	96
Brooklyn	124	103
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	134	134
Friendship (Jackson)	76	72
Friendship (Lincoln)	142	82

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50 YEARS AGO—

Rev. W. P. Price writes his "Valedictory" in the BYPU Column of the Baptist Record after five years service as editor of the BYPU Department "as a labor of love for the work, without one cent of expense to anybody but myself." His pastoral work of the Second Baptist (Calvary, of Jackson) Church had become too great for further service in this capacity. Brother Price had a part in the organization of "one among the first unions in the state" in 1892.

40 YEARS AGO—

Pastor J. B. Lawrence of First Church, Columbus, comes to Baptist Headquarters as the newly elected Executive Secretary.

Pastor T. L. Holcomb resigns the Yazoo City church to become pastor of the Church at Pontotoc for full time.

Student G. S. Dobbins of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., expresses thanks for all the Mississippi men in the Seminary for the Thanksgiving box of good things to eat from W. M. U. President Mrs. J. W. Weathersby of Mendenhall Church.

25 YEARS AGO—

The Morton Church dedicated their new house of worship on Sunday, Dec. 2, debt free. Pastor W. L. Meadows presided over the exercises, introducing Rev. R. L. Wallace of Raymond who preached the dedication sermon, and led the dedicatory prayer. Brother Wallace was pastor when the \$17,000 building was planned and constructed.

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Riley Munday Reports Progress At Southern



Dr. R. C. Cook, president of Mississippi Southern College, is one of the finest Christian laymen I have ever known. To a large measure he typifies the State College Presidents of Mississippi.

Dr. Cook is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg. His emphasis from the beginning of his presidency has been religiously a church-centered interest.

No Baptist Student Union on any campus could ever boast of a more cooperative college administrator. Three times since his relatively brief tenure has he encouraged the BSU Convention to convene on M. S. C.'s campus. The last time the State convention met, Dr. Cook personally invited 1400 students to be guests of Southern for the Saturday night dinner.

There were 300 Baptist students at Southern six years ago when I came to be B. S. U. secretary. Today there are 1600 plus Baptists. They will tell you that Southern is unexcelled in friendliness and though a state college, thanks to a fine president, a church-minded faculty and staff, it has Christian distinctives that are unexcelled anywhere.

Under the wise leadership of Dr. Cook, Mississippi Southern is building a Social-Religious Center that will be completed probably in the next two years.

This building will house offices for all the denominational groups with a lovely chapel to care for the Christian Federation Vesper and Noon-day periods; plus the larger meetings of the groups like B. S. U.

The Baptist Student Center, therefore, should be a compliment to this building. A home for the Student Secretary, and a home away from home for the Baptist students. Such a structure could be built on the B. S. U. center lot already attained for a modest sum. It is the hope and prayer of all here at Southern that Mississippi Baptists will channel more of their spiritual interest in the direction of State College B. S. U. needs.

Rev. Riley Munday, B. S. U. secretary and Christian Federation Counselor at Mississippi Southern College for the past six years, has resigned at Southern, effective January 31, to become state B. S. U. Secretary of Arkansas.

Rev. Munday states in leaving—Mississippi Southern College has the finest group of B. S. U.ers to be found anywhere. No B. S. U. sec-



retary could ever work with a more excellent group of 1600 Baptists.

The B. S. U. at Southern has grown, without any credit desired on the part of the B. S. U. secretary, from 300 Baptists to 1600—as the college has grown.

Southern B. S. U. has been fortunate in being located in Hattiesburg. Main Street Baptist, First Church, and Temple—and many others have made the B. S. U. work pleasant and effective. No finer pastors than John Barnes, Clyde C. Bryan, and Irving Prince are to be found.

I leave Southern with mixed emotions. Unless the Lord were leading, I would remain. The person who succeeds me comes to the most compatible campus situation in the South.—Riley Munday.

HOUSE PARTY HELD

The North Mississippi Y. W. A. Houseparty was held at Blue Mountain College Nov. 20-22. The varied and interesting program included several special features including a banquet and fellowship program. Among the program personalities were Miss Nell Taylor, State Young Peoples' secretary and Miss Margaret Bruce, South-wide Young Peoples' secretary—Patty Hollis, publicity director, Blue Mountain.

HOLMES HAS 28 LOST

Holmes Jr. BSU, under the direction of Mrs. Marvin Bond, recently reports 28 unsaved, one converted and joining the Goodman Church, two for full-time Christian work, 4 dedications, "a tremendous success" Religious Emphasis Week, plans for organizing both a Brotherhood and a Y. W. A.

OVERSEAS STUDENT SAVED

"During October Phillip Maayah, of Bethlehem, Jordan, who came to us as a Greek Orthodox church member, was baptized into the Newton Baptist Church," writes Mr. Louis Farmer, Jr., Student Sec'y for Clarke College.

Three were converted at Miss. State recently according to Mr. Roy Isbell, BSU Sec'y.

MSCW AVERAGES GIVEN

Miss Kathryn Jasper, BSU Sec'y for MSCW, reports the following recent average attendances: Sunday school, 59; Training Union, 46; Y. W. A., 60; Noonday prayer meeting, 65; and Twilight Prayer meeting, 10.

DELTA STATE BUSY

At the annual Youth Night of the Bolivar County Baptist Association the BSU furnished a major portion of the choir, and the BSU male quartet furnished the special music.

Freshman Council Week was observed with very good results.

The college BSU choir has been asked to sing each Sunday night at the church, and two of the students have been asked to play the instruments.

221 Baptists, 20 enrolled in stewardship study course, 71 volumes in BSU Library, 40 Baptist Student subscriptions, Y. W. A. carried a box to a needy family at Thanksgiving.—James Breland, BSU Sec'y, Delta State.

Student Night To Be Held December 27th

COUNCIL MEMBERS ADDED

Ruth Barlow, Music chm., Betty Durrett, publicity chm., and Miss Dorothy Rice, faculty adviser, have recently been elected to the Sunflower Jr. executive council, according to Miss Jo Anna Crouch, BSU Sec'y. Baptist Student subscriptions total 22, the Delta Pastor's Conference recently met in the BSU Lounge on the campus, 243 are listed as Baptists or Baptist preference, and the Morning Watch prayer service is well attended, Miss Crouch states.

MISCELLANEA

Again the Christmas story comes to us from the carols and from the scriptures to remind us of the miraculous physical birth of God in human flesh.

What took place in the Bethlehem stable can be neither historically refuted nor mentally explained.

It is enough to say that Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God, was born that Holy Night that thirty years later he was spending his time and energy doing good, and that, finally, he consummated his mission in the world by voluntarily submitting to death at the hands of sinful men in order to effect your salvation and mine.

True, the Christmas story is old, historically, but because of its eternal significance and relevance, it remains ever new and thrilling. Thanksgiving, genuine and deep, for God's greatest Gift should reign in our hearts during these festive days.

The best way we can be in "the Christmas spirit" is to manifest the spirit of Christ. Giving generously and cheerfully of ourselves and of our substance to missions everywhere is an effective demonstration of His spirit.

We must pray in the Saviour's name, which means that we must only offer prayer for what He, Himself, would pray if He were in our position. In drawing our checks on the bank of faith, we must not forget that without His endorsement they are mere scraps of paper.—P. Whitwell Wilson.

Miss Marie Claypool, former BSUer at Blue Mtn., is now BSU sec'y for Eastern State College, Richmond, Ky.

Seems a herring and whale were inseparable companions. One day, the herring is seen out cruising around on his own. The other fish crowd around him to ask: "Where's the whale?" and he snaps: "How should I know? Am I my blubber's kipper?" —Sales Management

Miss Louise Waddell, former BSUer at Women's College and now with the Good Will Center in Baltimore, Md., was on Maryland's State Convention program recently.

The most profitable praying in which the Christian can engage is thanking God.—Fisher of Men.

We salute Dr. W. A. Keel and the Department of Negro Work of our State Board for The Mississippi Baptist Beacon, an interracial mission news sheet. In conjunction with Dr. Keel, et al., we hope to do something big for Christ among our Miss. Negro students ere long.

James Ruffin, Miss. State BSUer, has been elected B.T.U. Director for Oktibbeha Association.

Local pastor, John McDonald and Mrs. W. C. Fields and Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, participated in Holmes Junior's Religious Emphasis Week.

Blue Mountain's mimeographed "Mountaintop Messenger" is a neat and readable and inspirational BSU paper of which to be proud.

Atlanta has a new Citywide BSU Sec'y., Doug Dillard. Jackson should long since have had one. Not only Atlanta, but many others of our "Baptist" cities have had one for many years.

Again we commend the plan of the Miss. College Ministerial Association to make ministerial students available to Miss. churches on weekends for nominal expense. We believe such will help not only the students but the churches. Write Larry Ragland, MC, for info.

OLE MISS REACHES 389

Ole Miss has 23 in their Y.W.A., Noonday prayer meeting three times a week averaging more than thirty, 389 students reached. Youth Week at Oxford Church during early November was climaxed with a banquet with 118 attending. Travis Lunceford, BSU president, was Youth Week pastor.

Student Night at Christmas when thousands of Baptist college students all over Mississippi and the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention will be featured in their home church services, is suggested for Sunday evening, Dec. 27, this year.

It is hoped that every Mississippi Baptist church which has sent college students out from its ranks will observe this annual South-wide event.

Suggestions for the Student Night programs have been mailed out from the Student Department of the Sunday School Board supposedly to every full-time Mississippi pastor, but in case there are those who have not received these suggestions and want them, they are urged to write or call the State BSU Department for them.

Mississippi Baptist pastors are earnestly requested to report their Student Night programs to the state BSU Department.

—BR—

Thought for the Month

There comes a time in every Christian's life when he can go neither forward nor backward, but just look above. What a wonderful experience it is then to rest securely in the arms of the Almighty God and know that He will deliver you. For God, Who cannot lie, has promised, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee". (Isaiah 41:13). Let us pray for complete trust in Him at all times as well as in moments of great distress.

Joshua 1:9—"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." God and man make the majority.—Rita McDowell, State BSU Devotional Chairman.

—BR—

ISBEL REPORTS FOR STATE

Mr. Roy S. Isbell, BSU Sec'y for Miss. State, reports 101 unsaved students, 3 students joining a local church, 21 studying "What Baptists Believe", 8 volumes added to the BSU Library making a total of 366, the Brotherhood having a Thanksgiving breakfast for 12 overseas students from different countries, and the Isbells having three Korean students for Thanksgiving dinner during November.

Secretaries' Seminar To Meet Next Month

Dr. Clayton Waddell, Social Ethics professor of N. O. Seminary, is to lead several conferences and other student leaders are to participate in the program of the forthcoming Mississippi BSU secretaries seminar Jan. 29-30 at East Central Junior College, Decatur. The annual get together of student workers may start with a fellowship the night of January 28.

All BSU secretaries, or, where there is none, the Faculty or pastor adviser, are urged to be present at this important meeting. Details will be mailed to these workers soon.

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Perkinson, Jr., according to Mrs. R. R. Darby, BSU Sec'y, has 133 Baptists and 27 unsaved.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

MUSIC YEAR CLOSING WITH STATE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT

The music in Mississippi Baptist life has experienced a happy and successful period during the last 12 months. Progress is in evidence on every hand. The State Music Festival held November 27th climaxed the year's work with the highest peak of interest and highest level of performance ever experienced in our festival work.

The music work is built around several peaks: The first peak known as the Associational Directors Planning Meeting was held last February. At this time the program of work is laid out before the associational directors.

The second peak was the District Music Festival season held in April and May. The participation in this festival program was indeed a highlight and we experienced the largest enrolment in the history of the state with 3228 participants. Practically every association was touched with this program. Mississippi has the distinction of being in front ranks with this promotion.

The third peak was the State Music Leaders Laboratory held in May. This meeting was well attended last May and is designed to bring about a complete understanding between pastors and song leaders.

The fourth peak was the State Music Leadership School held in August. Again, Mississippi has the distinction of being in the front ranks with this outstanding school of music, and is indeed a high peak in our program during the year.

The fifth, and last peak was the State Music Festival held November 27th.

The music school program has been under way through the year. Seventeen qualified music teachers helped with this program during the year under the leadership of the State Music Department.

A new attitude is developing. A new spiritual concept is being experienced. A higher level of appreciation for good music is being experienced. Cooperation with the Music Department is 100 per cent throughout the state.

The Music Department, with all connected with the department, wishes to express appreciation to all the people for their cooperation and help during this, our finest year in music.

Rev. C. E. Snowden, pastor at Longview Church for 10 years has accepted the call of Artesia Church for half time and has already moved on the field. He is available for other half-time work.

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TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY AT FIRST, VICKSBURG



DR. LAMAR JACKSON

Dr. Lamar Jackson, pastor of the Ensley Church, Birmingham, Alabama, will conduct the study in the Book of Psalms at the First Church, Vicksburg, for Bible Study Week, January 3-7.

Dr. Jackson is a member of the faculty of Howard College Extension Center located in Birmingham.

Dr. John G. McCall is the pastor of the Vicksburg church.

Historic Wahalak Church Is Destroyed By Fire

Tuesday night, December 8th, the Wahalak Church, one of the oldest in the state, was destroyed by fire.

This church was host to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1840. The exact date of its organization is now known, but, it was one of the leading churches in the organization of the old Choctaw Association, organized in 1834 with seven churches in Alabama, and nine churches of Mississippi.

Wahalak Church and Community, like many others, declined during the years because of transition of its population. But in the

Sparks & Splinters

Rev. Pat H. Davis has accepted the pastorate of the Marion Church. He has been associate pastor of the Alberta City Church in Alabama and previously was pastor of the Sarepta Church in Franklin County. Mr. Davis is a student at the New Orleans Seminary and expects to graduate in March, 1954, with a Bachelor of Theology degree.

Leavell Woods Church, Jackson, has planned a Christmas play, depicting the manger scene and the birth of Christ, which will be presented on Sunday night, December 26. The play will be followed by a "Christmas Tree for Christ," at which time members will pin on the free envelopes containing offerings for the building program. Rev. Bill Cox is the pastor.

Concord Church of Franklin County was the scene of a Stewardship Playlet "All Their Is of Us," Sunday night November 15, given by young people and members of Y.W.A. of Bude Church. Pauline Greer, music teacher at Meadville High School, was pianist. Mrs. Della Tyson, who presented this program has been Training Union Director for six years and is also Y.W.A. Counselor. Mrs. Ella Lee Bennett local Stewardship Chairman, gave a brief talk on WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP preceding the play.

Flora Baptists and the pastor, Dr. W. P. Davis, are to be commended for a new approach to the Christmas season. A series of prayer meetings over a ten day period are being held, beginning December 10 and continuing through December 19. In order that no one can complain of the inconvenient hour, the first prayer meeting was held at 8 a.m., the next day's meeting at 9 a.m., and advanced one hour each day. The first two chapters of Matthew and Luke are being used during the prayer meeting. Dr. Davis guarantees that the services will not last over ten minutes.

First Church, Biloxi, recently ordained four deacons. They are: James Farrow, Paul Higdon, Chas. Jordna and George Shoaf. Assisting the pastor, Dr. G. C. Hodge, was Rev. Everett Reneer.

Rev. Reginald Wall, southwide Baptist evangelist of Decatur, Georgia, has completed five years as an evangelist. He reports 4091 additions to the churches where he has led revivals during these five years. There were 1132 during 1953. Mr. Wall restricts his ministry to Baptist churches.

The liquor traffic in the United States spends \$200 million a year to advertise \$9 billion worth of a product which produces, according to health authorities, the number four health problem in the United States. Only heart, cancer, and vascular diseases take a greater toll.

Last few years the Church increased a growth to its present membership of thirty-plus; with the same enrolled in Sunday School. The Church had grown to a full time program.

The members of church covet the prayers of Mississippi Baptists that "God will supply the needs for the rebuilding of His Church."

Nikolai Alexandrenko, a converted Communist and native of Russia, will speak in three of the Pearl River Association churches Sunday, December 20. Harmony at 11 A.M.; Santa Rosa at 6 P.M.; and Corinth at 7:30 P.M. The pastors of these churches are, respectively, George L. Zbinden; Franklin Atkinson; and Myron Johnson. Mr. Alexandrenko was converted in 1949 through Baptist Mission efforts. He is now in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary preparing for foreign mission work.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of resolutions recently adopted by the Fulton Road Church of Mobile concurring Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Hall, who have served that church as music director and organist since October, 1951. The church expresses highest appreciation of their work. The Jackson to serve the Crestwood Church. Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been accredited by the American Association for Theological Schools. The A.A.T.S. is the highest accrediting agency for theological schools in America.

An increasing number of cities are sponsoring this year a "Put Christ Back into Christmas Program." The plan is similar in scores of cities. A group is organized through volunteers to contact local businessmen urging them to make displays with a religious theme. Then, leaflets, Christmas seals, slogans, rubber stamps, posters, lapel badges, etc. are used to promote the campaign. The purpose is "not to assassinate Santa Claus, but to put him in his place and to magnify the Christ child."

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Sunday School Lesson

...By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell...
December 20, 1953.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE, AND A WARLESS WORLD

Scripture texts: Isaiah 2:2-4;
9:2, 5-7; 65:17-25; Matthew 6:9;
Luke 2:8-14.

I. A DREAMER AND HIS DREAM WORLD

Isaiah a prince of the royal blood! Dreamer of the loftiest dream of the world's greatest dream.

The mountain of Jehovah's house shall be exalted above all high mountains. The truth of the Lord shall be known and treasured around this rolling earth. The nations shall learn the truth of the Lord and order their lives by its precepts. Men shall learn of His ways and teach other men so. Many people shall call unto one another and say, "Come, let us worship and walk and work in the way of holiness"; for the holy Lord God Almighty shall frame the laws for the nations and establish their righteousness in justice.

Did Isaiah believe that would come? Yes, the gentle, gallant-hearted, fiery-soul Isaiah believed that with the other prophets. This vision of the coming realization of the brotherhood of man thrills the souls of all true prophets passed, present and to come, but far more than this are the consequences of it. Men shall cease to learn war, shall be instruments of destruction into instruments of production, and wars shall cease to the ends of the earth and the knowledge of God shall flood the nations with living light as the waters cover the seas.

"Do you believe that will every come to pass?" Well, Isaiah believed it. Every spirit-led man of God now believes it. Oh, I know the day is dark and cold and dreary but beyond all this the eye of faith sees the sun-burst of God's promised day and His people have the faith to know that the Word of God can never fail. All races of men will someday come to take knowledge from the Lord and bring to pass the prophecies His spirit-touched men have uttered.

Every Christmas bell that chimes, every Christmas carol that enters the air, every Christmas tree that bears its precious fruitage of good-will, every pulse of mercy and helpful love and aspiration for God are all prophecies of the nearer drawing of "The one divine far-off event toward which the whole creation moves." Yes, I believe it, however hard the battle goes it is our God who leads his army on to certain victory.

II. THE DREAMERS DELIVERER

Isaiah's prophetic eye pierced the gloom enshrouding his people and his soul thrilled to the grandeur of the clear picture he saw and the profound understanding he attained of the heroic Coming

One. And not only was Isaiah blessed with this soul ennobling vision, but every other prophet of God before him and since is transfixed with joy by the revelation of the same person.

Everyone of them seemed and seems to be standing on tip-toe in the dark, and almost breathlessly severally and all look eastward for the glory of the coming day. "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light." They have seen the light in the coming of the Just One and in this vision, they have seen what He is and so have named Him, God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Wonderful in His walk before God and man, Counsellor in the wisdom of the Almighty, God in whom has been reposed authority over the realms of all men and things, Father of all streams of life that flow anywhere in His Father's spacious house, Prince of Peace who leads his gallant legends forth his kingly crown to gain and forever make secure in his imperial command "peace be still"; this is the unique Person whom Isaiah from his hill-top saw across the broad stretch of the coming years.

III. PRINCE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

He came in lowly guise to lowly man a dimpled babe of lowly birth his sweet pure mother's delivery room a stable, his bed a nest of straw, his cradle perhaps a feed-trough in the stable, or more likely still his mother's gently clasping arms.

He was not born in a prince's palace, because he came to be the ruler of the poor in spirit, he condescended to men of low estate, to be the shepherd to the entire fold of his and his Father's sheep. That was a relationship well-known to Him and His people. The line of His ancestry came down from Shepherd Abraham of Ur through Shepherd Jacob the father of the tribes. He lived among a people who regulated their lives by a code of laws and standards of ethics brought to them through Moses and shepherd of Midian.

What more fitting, then, that angels should sing the Gospel story first to a group of shepherds under the bending stars as those shepherds kept their sheep by night? Yes, He was Shepherd, but a Shepherd who was also King, even as also His father David was.

IV. AN ANGEL'S SONG ANNOUNCES THE BIRTH OF THE PRINCE

The announcement was made to a little group of shepherds guarding their flock by night. They were just a group of simple-souled men upon whom the glory of Heaven shed its mistic light as, indeed, it may do many a time into the lives of each of us had we but eyes to see. The message from the angels came to the shepherds in one grand burst of song. An angel sang a solo and a great heavenly choir sang the chorus.

1. The Song - The first words of it were, "BE NOT AFRAID" fear not a religion of fear. Our God is not a fearsome being. We may



BERTHA KIM

Two of the outstanding honor students at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Mississippi, Bertha Kim of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Max Dorr of Sardis, Mississippi, are pictured above. In a recent election held on the campus, Bertha was chosen Miss C. M. C. and Miss Personality; and Max was chosen Mr. C. M. C., Most Talented, and Most Versatile.



MAX DORR

On January 1, the Canadian Baptist will celebrate its one hundredth birthday of publication with a Centennial edition. Harold U. Triner is editor.

well say that the unique distinction of Christianity from all other religions is that Christianity is a religion of the perfect Father's love for His children.

2. And The Second Phrase speaks of the World-wide Mission of Our Lord— "Good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people." This phrase "all the people" carries the meaning all the people of earth and declared the world-wide mission upon which the Redeemer came.

3. "There is born unto you"— He entered life by the gateway of birth, having taken upon himself in reality the nature of our humanity so having been born. He is brother in nature to all the sons of Adam.

4. "A Saviour"—For that cause came he into the world, "to save his people from their sins."

5. "Christ the Lord"—The word Christ means anointed. He was the anointed ambassador of heaven to earth to discharge a mission to man, and He is Lord of this wide world and of everything that is in it, of all human beings and of every department of their lives, Lord of all mind and wish and will and love, off the whole of the personality of men, king of the lives of men by the grace of God.

6. The Grand Chorus—The solist chanted directions to the shepherds as to how to find this newborn King and then the heavenly choir took up the chorus.

7. "Glory to God", and so the scope of the work of our Lord reaches up to the throne of God on high all the way

8. "On earth peace to men of good will", or "men in whom He is well pleased. To the men who please God by obeying His will, men of good will to obey the will of God. To no other class of men did or does the coming of Jesus bring peace. His coming brought anything but peace to Herod, to Judas, to Pilate, to the members of the sanhedrin, to Nero, to any in any angel who refuse to receive Him as Lord.

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

SANTA CLAUS

Question: I have been asked to serve on the Christmas program committee for our church. The other members of this committee want to include "Santa Claus" readings and have "Santa Claus" hand out the treats.

How do you feel about such a program?

Answer: Santa Claus has been a problem to many Christians. Some do not allow their children to believe the myth about him and his reindeers, big fat belly, etc. Others think of the story as a beautiful fiction embodying the spirit of giving.

Personally, I can't remember ever believing in Santa Claus. I'm sure I did, but the whole matter was treated with humor by my Christian parents. They talked about the old fellow but we never cleaned the chimney for him.

I do not see any great objection to using Santa Claus readings and having a "real" Santa Claus hand out the treats. It's all in fun and in good-will.

There is danger, however, in some churches and homes Santa Claus has stolen the show from Christ. We who are over six years of age ought to put Christ back on the center of the stage. After all, it is His birthday.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 21—B. L. Mohon, Chickasaw County Convention Board member; Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Covington Associational Training Union director.

December 22—Nolan Walden, Prentiss Associational Brotherhood president; Rev. W. G. Watson, Houston, Blue Mountain College trustee.

December 23—C. G. Bobo, Lyon, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee; S. B. Minyard, Montgomery Associational Sunday School superintendent.

December 24—Dr. W. O. Sadler, Mississippi College faculty; J. T. Hill, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

December 25—Mrs. J. R. Lawson, Smith Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Jackson, Board of Ministerial Education.

December 26—Miss Carolyn Madison, State Sunday School elementary director; Mrs. Ingram Foster, Prentiss, Mississippi College trustee.

December 27—Student night at Christmas in local churches; Don Baker, Leland, Baptist Foundation trustee.

December 28—J. S. Love, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee; Lourie Wright, State BSU Council.

December 29—State Training Union Convention; Dr. T. E. Ross, Hattiesburg, Woman's College trustee.

December 30—A. L. Chumbley, Sardis, Clarke College trustee; Jesse W. Megehee, Pearl River Associational Sunday School Supt.

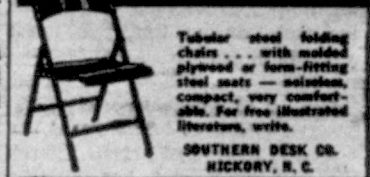
December 31—Nelda Trigg, Executive office, Baptist Building; Rev. R. D. Pearson, Nexabee Associational Brotherhood supt.

January 1—Rev. James Durnam, Greene Associational Training Union director; Mrs. B. F. Mott, Newton Associational W. M. U. Supt.

January 2—Rev. R. E. Courtney, Leake Assoc. Convention Board member; Rev. Aaron B. Foy, Perry Associational chairman of Evangelism.

January 3—Mrs. Ethridge Turner, Mississippi College bookkeeper.

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By CRAWFORD BLAKE, Field Secretary, Mississippi College

The time is approaching when many Mississippi Baptists can invest generously in the world's most rewarding business without it actually costing them a dime now or later. Others, whose earnings will be riddled automatically from bites by the U. S. treasury, are given an opportunity to make gifts to Christian education that will snowball to greater proportions within a few short months. This financial operation now coming "in season" all over the United States causes no aches or pains, either.

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No, the time isn't far off when you will be compelled to sit down alone or with a tax expert to figure out just how much income tax you owe for the year just ending. When the final figure is arrived at and you look at it, maybe you will swallow and feel your temples, pulse, and your throat grow tight. Uncle Sam takes a whopping big bite, doesn't he?

If we wanted to moralize, we'd tell what a good investment your tax money is—despite popular talk that it is nothing short of larceny. We'd tell you that your money oftentimes is a substitute for your blood in war—that it is the dollars and cents yearly cost of the American way of life—that it is a privilege tax for occupying a preferred part of the globe.

From the outset of this article we want it understood that we are FOR TAX-PAYING and for the kind of country we have as a result of our tax-aying—but at the same time we want to make it clear that in this business of tax-paying our Federal Government recognizes the economic responsibilities of our moral institutions and makes allowances for them.

NO QUESTION OF ETHICS

There is no question of ethics involved by making maximum use of this provision. If neglected, however, the question of "Christian ethics" may be seriously involved.

Our Christian conscience demands that we support our denomination's educational work. Our Baptist Church budgets are developed with that in mind. They do not, however, include adequate funds to enable our colleges to expand as needed. Consequently, it falls back on our consciences to do something about it directly—Uncle Sam nodding his full approval.

HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

Because of the brevity of this article and the difficulty in understanding technical aspects of tax-exempt contributions, we will boil our statements down to the following:

1. If you are not sure whether to file a long or a short form, compute your deductible contributions and see if your gifts exceed the automatic deductions of the short form. If so, by all means, use the long form.
2. If your tax counsellor finds you have not taken full advantage of exempt contributions, ask him to advise you before the end of the year the amount of additional contributions you should make.
3. Make your contributions now. Your check must be cashed before the deadline or it will not be eligible for a 1953 deduction.
4. Consider gifts other than money. Insurance policies—naming a spiritual, charitable, or educational agency as beneficiary—are highly desirable forms of gifts that are deductible with certain advantages over cash gifts. Gifts of land, livestock, etc., are appraised for tax purposes at their cash value at the time of the gift.
5. Above all, remember that your denominational schools need capital critically to meet their needs today. Our rapidly expanding and overflowing elementary and high schools of this year are a fair warning of what our colleges can expect in a few years.

SPECIFICALLY, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Mississippi College now has its largest enrollment in history. Its classrooms are congested. Its dormitories are full to overflowing. Unless Mississippi Baptists take action now to enlarge the facilities at their largest senior institution, students necessarily will be turned away.

Where will they go? Largely, to state supported colleges where the state legislature simply appropriates additional funds when enlarged facilities are required.

Without this constitutional privilege, Mississippi Baptists must create a new tax within their consciences. They must bring themselves to do a thing that hurts—to impose a self tax.

Or better, why not begin by taking advantage of a tax-aid possibility already established by a nation founded on the legal

concept of a separation of church and state, but which has a full realization that a state without church is doomed to failure.

We ask you to think and exercise your Christian conscience more as this year closes than in any previous time.

WILL WE CLAIM \$10,000 GIFT?

When the G. M. & O. railroad directors proposed a conditional gift of \$10,000 to Mississippi College last Fall, they dropped a golden opportunity in our laps.

The condition requires that the officials of Mississippi College raise \$40,000 by March 14, 1954, in order to claim this gift. Further, the entire \$50,000 must be used toward buildings or endowment—both of which are sorely needed.

At this writing Mississippi College has received approximately \$11,000 since the proposal was made—a little over a quarter of the required amount, which means we have a long way to go and not much time to be at the task.

The destiny of Christian education for many decades to come hangs in the balance now. It is popularly said that anything that does not go forward—goes backward.

Mississippi Baptists—comprising the largest denominational segment of our state population—have in their hands the power to mold tomorrow's Mississippi College—with God's help.

God Can Multiply Education Gifts Same As Fishes

Since early childhood most of us have been inspired by the account of Jesus taking the little boy's loaves and fishes and multiplying them sufficiently to feed the multitudes.

God has not changed since that time. His power and willingness to perform great works among men has not changed either.

If we, as the little boy, bring our loaves and fishes and lay them on the altar of Christian Education, it will give God a chance to perform other great miracles.

MRS. MAGGIE MORGAN DIES IN JACKSON; WAS RECORD EMPLOYEE

Mrs. Maggie M. Morgan, 57, died at her Jackson home early Sunday morning, following an illness of several months.

Mrs. Morgan, a native of Scott county, but had lived in Jackson since childhood. She worked in the mailing department of the Baptist Record and was a member of Parkway Church, where she was active in church affairs.

Surviving members of her family are: her husband, Norris Morgan; one brother, H. B. Mkajors, Sr.; and one sister, Mrs. R. R. Wright, all of Jackson. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday from the Wright and Ferguson chapel. Dr. G. Norman Price and Rev. J. M. Majors, Lawn Cemetery.

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Two Mississippians have recently moved from Texas to Arkansas. That is not Mississippi, but at least it is a little nearer. Rev. Joe J. Walters, Jr., native of Hattiesburg, has accepted the position of Minister of Music and Associate Pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Mrs. Walters is serving as church organist. She is a native of Centerville. Both are graduates of Mississippi College and he is an M.R.E. and B.S.M. graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

CHAP. JOHN L. GILBERT VISITS MISSION FIELD

Mississippians will be interested in an account of the recent activities of Naval Chaplain John L. Gilbert. He is the son of Martin J. Gilbert, secretary of Rural church work for the convention board.

Chaplain Gilbert and a group of men from his outfit recently visited the Guantanamo City Baptist Church in Guantanamo, Cuba. One of the purpose of their visit was to present funds to the church for the purchase of a new piano. The presentation was made by Chaplain Gilbert, who also preached. All of the protestant ministers of the city participated in the service.

Among them were: Arch deacon Seretion of the Cuban Episcopal Church; Assistant Rector James Church; Capt. Moises S. Suarez of the Salvation Army; Rev. Ira Sherman of the Methodist church and Dr. Molina, pastor of the Baptist church.

Progress Church To Observe Centennial

Progress Church in Pike county will celebrate its quarter - centennial with a homecoming day Dec. 20.

All former pastors and members are invited to be present.

Dr. E. B. Shivers, first pastor of the church, and now pastor of the Inman Park Church, Atlanta, will be the featured speaker at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. F. W. Gunn, another former pastor, will speak at the afternoon services, along with Rev. Frank Hutson, friend in the organization of the church. Dinner will be served.

Progress church has grown numerically since 1928 from 36 members to 140 members. The church has also grown spiritually in these years, and has increased its gifts to mission substantially.

In addition to the above pastors, Progress church has been served by such able men as Dr. W. A. Roper of Meridian and Dr. Fred Brown of Ashland. Rev. Jimmy Hodges has been pastor the past three years.

\$1 Million Needed For Buildings In Next Five Years

Five new major campus structures and two off-campus apartment buildings costing an estimated one million dollars have been called for as specific needs for the next five years by President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College.

Estimating enrollment at Mississippi College to climb progressively to the 2,000 level during this period, Dr. Nelson described the seven new buildings as "absolute needs" during this period only, and that enrollment can be expected to continue to climb for the next 15 to 20 years according to the continuing post-war birth rate and present elementary school enrollment figures.

The following buildings and estimated costs were listed for the five year period:

- A Fine Arts building, \$300,000.
- A Girls' dormitory, \$200,000.
- A boys' dormitory, \$150,000.
- An additional classroom and office building, \$150,000.
- A physical education building for girls, \$50,000.
- An apartment building for married students, \$75,000.
- An apartment building for faculty families, \$75,000.

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State Evangelistic Conference To Feature SB Program Of Evangelism

An outstanding program, featuring the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism, will be conducted when the State Evangelistic Conference meets Jan. 18-20; it has been announced by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, State Director of Evangelism.

The Conference will be held in Jackson's First Church and will begin on Monday evening and close at Noon Wednesday, enabling those attending to get home for prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Out-of-state speakers to appear will include Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism; Dr. J. B. Lawrence, secretary emeritus of the Home Mission Board; Dr. E. Powell Lee, director of music; and Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director Chaplain's Commission, all of the Home Mission Board; Dr. R. C. Campbell, evangelist, of Shelby, N. C.; Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, secretary of evangelism for Kentucky; and Dr. Homer

G. Lindsey, pastor First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

A large number of state leaders are scheduled on the program, including Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary and other State Convention Board Leaders.

Special emphasis will be placed on inspiration, devotion, methods, organization conferences and plans for the Convention-wide Crusade in 1955.

Every phase of the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism will be discussed during the Conference.

Those expected to attend are pastors, associational missionaries officers, organizers and chairmen song leaders and all church leaders who have definite parts in a church program of evangelism.

By Rev. A. B. Pierce, Jackson Baptist Record readers should be interested in an article in the December issue of the "Progressive Farmer." The title of the article "The Church That Roberta Built." It tells how Mrs. J. E. Moak, a member of Palestine Church in Pearl River County built a church. Read it.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Chester Church in Choctaw County. The list was sent by A. L. Keen.

31 COUNTIES TO SHARE IN MISSIONARY FUND

Thirty-one counties will be aided in their associational missionary work during this convention year according to the action of the Convention Board which met last week in Jackson.

The Board allocated \$3,500 for this work.

Associations sharing in the allocation are: Alcorn, Attala, Calhoun, Carroll-Montgomery, Gulf Coast, Hinds, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lafayette, Leake, Leflore Marion, Mississippi, Nesnoba-Newton, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Riverside, Scott, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Union Wayne, Winston Yazoo-Madison, Zion-Oktibbeha.

Also included in the program are funds to aid in supporting area missionaries in Northeast, Northwest and Southeast Mississippi.

Some of the counties named above have not yet secured missionaries or have not filled vacancies. However, they expect to remedy this situation soon.

REV. JACOB A. OUSLEY BURIED IN TUTWILER

TUTWILER. — Services for the Rev. Jacob Ashley Ousley, retired Baptist minister and civic leader, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Church here. The Rev. Earl Edwards, officiated. Burial was in the Tutwiler Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Ousley, 69, died at his home early Friday night following a heart attack. He was born at Sallis, and was graduated from Mississippi College and attended the Theological Seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

He became pastor of the First Church here 33 years ago. He was an active Boy Scout worker for many years, organizing the first troop here in 1913.

He also organized the Youth Organization here.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Ousley of Tutwiler; a son, Ira A. Ousley of Memphis, and a daughter, Mrs. R. V. Spinosa of Tutwiler.

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REV. LUTHER F. FOWLER BURIED AT WINONA

WINONA. — Funeral services were held at the First church for Rev. Luther F. Fowler. Rev. C. M. Day officiated. Mr. Fowler, 58, son of the late Rhoda Land and William R. Fowler, was born in Montgomery County.

He died at the Grenada Hospital Wednesday morning following a stroke a few days ago. He had been in ill health several years. During World War II he was an Army chaplain, was a member of the Masonic Lodge Number 48, and was past patron of the Eastern Star.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Frankie Fowler of Winona; three sons, L. F. Fowler, Jr. of West Monroe, La., J. S. Fowler of Hammond, La. and Thomas T. Fowler of Winona; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Vernon of Como and Mrs. Jack Wright of Winona; three brothers, J. T. Fowler and A. J. Fowler, both of Stewart and J. B. Fowler of Winona.

Southern Baptists Pass '52 Cooperative Program Total

BUILDING AID GRANTED TO 39 CHURCHES

The Convention Board allocated \$10,000 for Church Building Aid and the committee recommended grants totalling \$10,000. Allocations were made to the following churches:

New Good Hope, Scott Assoc.; Hinze, Winston, West End, Winston; Union Hill, Lee; Ogden, Yazoo; County Line, Jones; Pass Road, McHenry Waveland, West Gulfport, Lakeshore, Gulf Coast; Bethel, Perry; Danville, Alcorn; Decedar, Jasper; North Columbia, Marion; Calvary, Panola; Beech Springs, Union, Lebanon, Covington; Pleasant Hill Greene; New Bethel, Neshoba; West End, Clay; Fellowship, Union; Bellevue; Lamar; Forkland Washington; Big Ridge, Gulf Coast; Hopewell, Choctaw; Matthews, Lafayette; Taylor, Lafayette; Poplar, Newton; Flat Rock, Benton; Riverside, Riverside; East Columbia, Marion; Richburg, Lamar; Wayside, Warren; Brazil, Tallahatchie; Canaan, Beton; Pleasant Hill, Leake; New Haven, Hinds; Evergreen, Itawamba.

An extra \$250 in addition to the regular grant was allocated to the Union Hill Church, Lee County, because of the loss of their building by fire since their application was filed.

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The Value of a church using its Sunday school has been attested again by the First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. The 1954 budget of \$300,000 was oversubscribed on Victory Day, November 8. By breaking down the budget goal by departments and classes, \$279,000 plus was pledged by 2,980 of the 3,081 enrolled in Sunday school, almost 97 per cent of pledges from non-Sunday school members have brought the total beyond \$330,000. James H. Landes is pastor, and Roy Lee Williams is the newly-elected minister of education, effective January 1.

Nashville, Tenn. (BP)—December 7, 1953, or Pearl Harbor Day, was a day of victory for Southern Baptists. On that day the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program gifts passed the 1952 total. At the end of the day's business the receipts stood at \$9,179,552 which was more than the \$9,076,047 that had been received at the end of the corresponding day a year ago.

Announcement of the gain was made by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

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Indian Springs Church Dedicates Building

The Indian Springs Church, Perry County, has dedicated its modern pastorium. A dream under the leadership and guidance of Rev. W. L. Harrison has now become a reality.

The land for the property was given to the church in memory of George B. Carter, by Mr. Carter's wife and children.

One of the early plans was a Building Fund Donation Sunday on which \$500 was given.

In 1952, six acres of cotton was planted, cultivated and harvested the crop from which \$1000 was cleared.

In 1953 another cotton crop was grown. The profit from this crop was enough to complete the building in August 1953.

An all day "Dedication Service" has been held at the church, a basket dinner was served at the noon hour. Rev. W. L. Harrison preached the Dedication Sermon. W. R. Ward, chairman, J. C. M. dows and Bradford Gillis served on the building committee.

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Ackerman Church has increased its contribution to the Cooperative Program 25 per cent for 1953-54. Of the receipts last year, the church gave 34 per cent to mission cause. Rev. Samuel M. Brown is the pastor.

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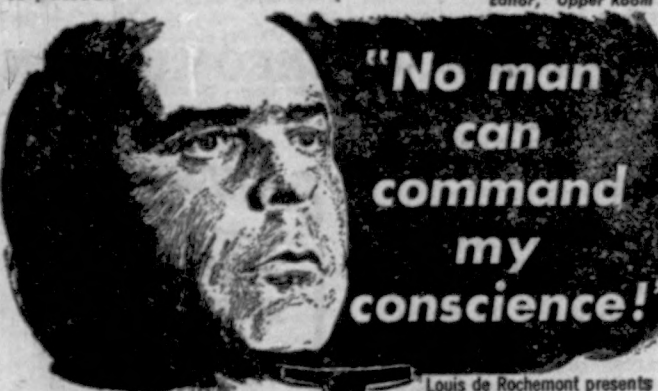
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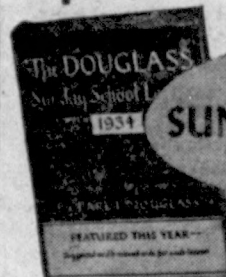
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